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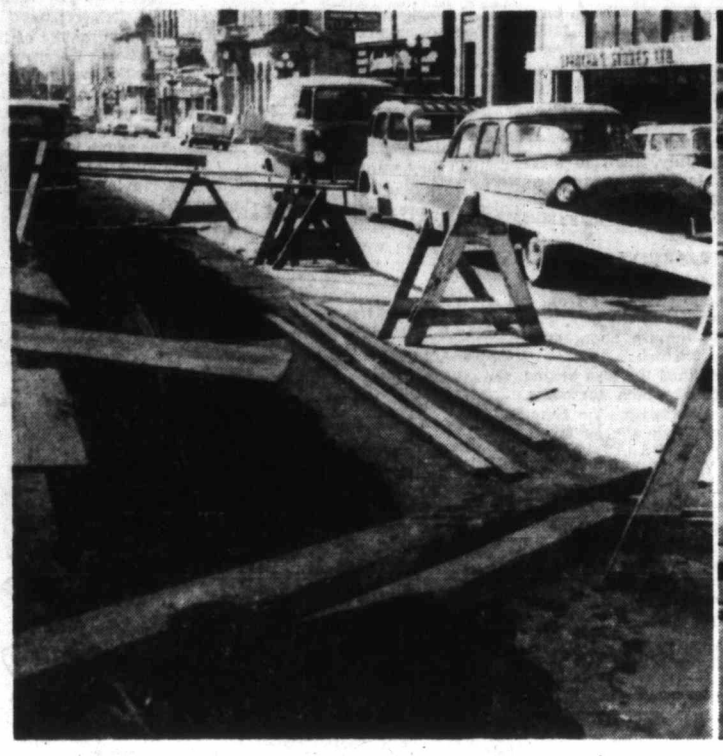
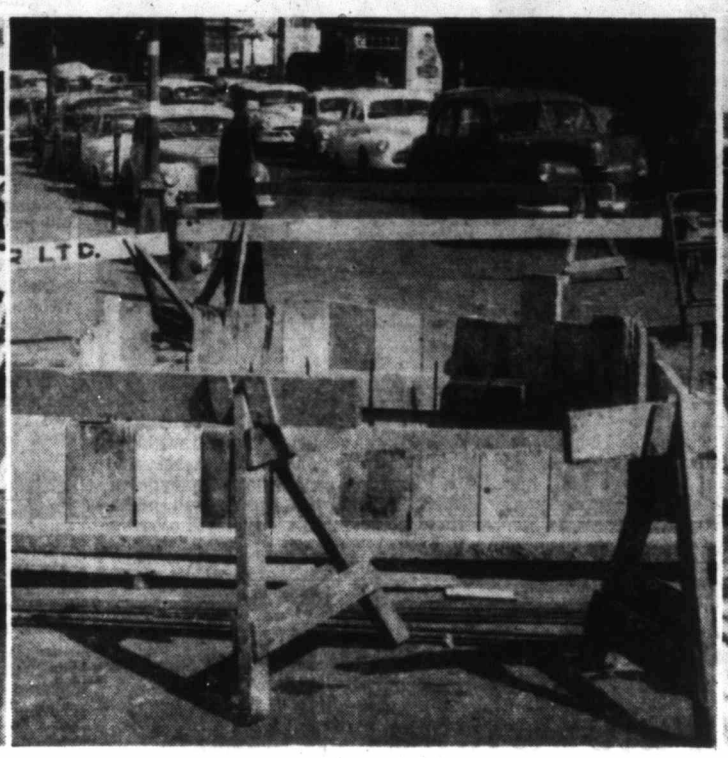
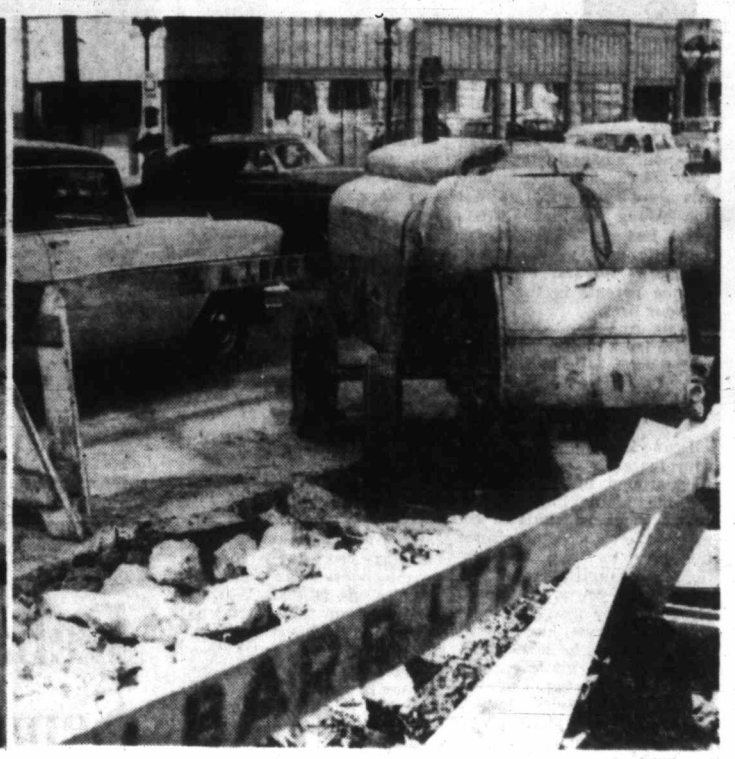






Ugly, Gaping Caverns Today Mean Attractive City Streets Tomorrow

Gaping holes like this one on Government near View are all in the day's walk to all but the most dedicated sidewalk superintendents. Even muffled blasts scarcely turn a head. Most pedestrians forced off the sidewalk by barricades concentrate all their attention on watching and avoiding traffic.

All in the cause of civic beautification and efficiency, B.C. Electric's plan is to eliminate unsightly overhead power lines completely downtown. Barricades like this one almost in the middle of the intersection at Johnson and Government won't remain long. City will provide new street lighting standards.

Jackhammers, tangled air hose and clattering compressors, along with the barricades and signs have almost been accepted as part of the downtown Victoria working scene. The pictures above show work progressing on the job of putting all wiring underground by 1962. This shot was taken at the corner of Broad and View Streets.

Eviction Day Closer

New Quarters Needed

Food Stall Step Nearer Oblivion

Nine-year history of Victoria's Surplus Food Stall, a service for the needy which is unique among British Columbia municipalities, is a step nearer to oblivion this week as eviction from the soon-to-be-demolished public market building looms nearer.

In spite of numerous appeals, Mrs. E. E. Harper, stall convener, said the free food outlet is still without new quarters.

An approach to city officials has failed, she stated, and no offers of space have been forthcoming.

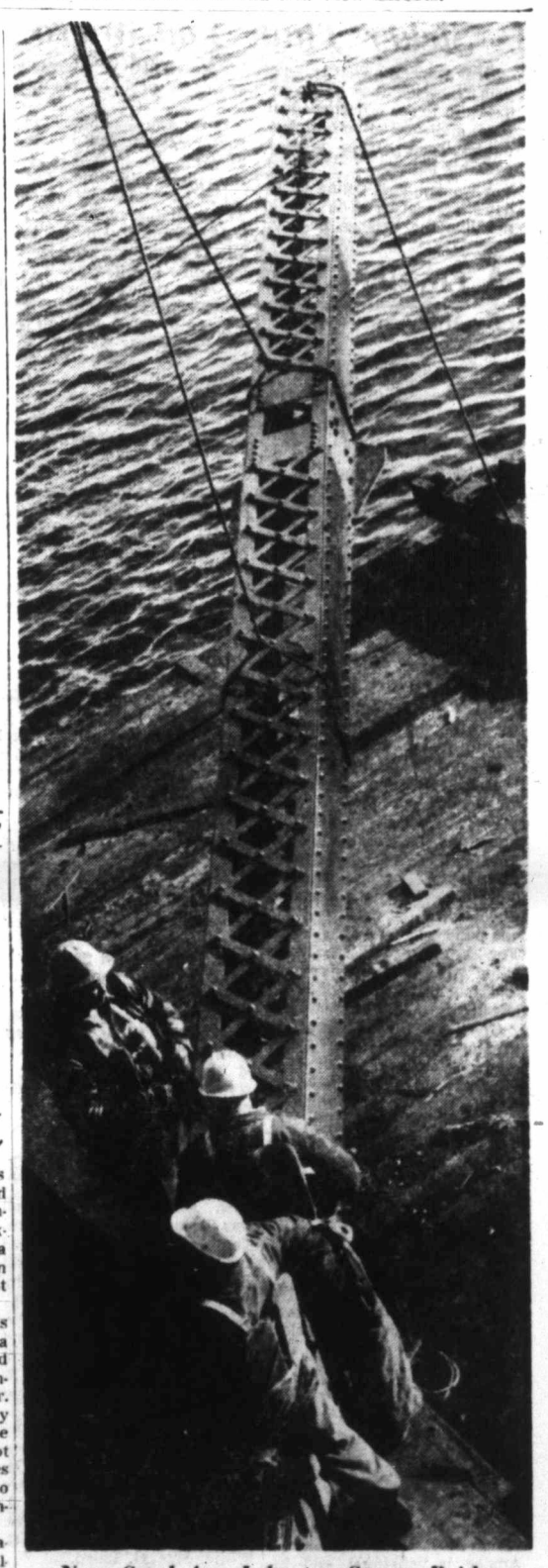
Mrs. Harper said that about 800 square feet of space is needed to operate the stall. It must be situated so that it is convenient to the 275 families which draw food from it once a month, and it must be secure from theft so that it can be used for storage purposes on stall days.

The stall convener said that any funds donated to the stall are used for purchasing food and are not available for paying rent for premises.

In spite of the difficulties which it faces, the stall will be open to the needy on April 18 and Mrs. Harper said donations of all kinds of food will be gratefully received.

"We like to get the food in the morning, when possible," she added.

Anyone who can assist the stall convener in finding new quarters, or who can bolster the larder, is asked to telephone GR 4-1750.



New Steel for Johnson Street Bridge
... swinging into place.

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Attacked, Beaten

Policeman Recovering

Two Sailors Plead Guilty

A Victoria policeman beaten by two sailors at Fort and Blanshard yesterday is recovering in Royal Jubilee Hospital from injuries suffered in the attack. (See picture on Page 1.)

The injured constable, David Glancy of 1301 Fort, was punched and kicked in the head during the 1.45 a.m. melee. He was admitted to Royal Jubilee Hospital with a broken nose and severe bruises.

It was feared he had suffered head and spinal injuries at first, but hospital authorities said his injuries were not serious.

In city police court yesterday James S. Mortinsen and Claude Kreutzner, both RCN, pleaded guilty to similar charges of assaulting Const. Glancy.

PROBATION REPORTS

They were remanded until Thursday to allow probation reports to be prepared. Neither man gave evidence in his own defence.

Const. James Ramsay told Magistrate William Ostler that Const. Glancy saw Mortinsen take hold of a young girl's clothing and push her against a wall near Fort and Blanshard.

When the officer intervened Mortinsen punched him in the face. After a struggle, Const. Glancy succeeded in pinning Mortinsen to the ground, court was told.

PUNCHED, KICKED

Kreutzner then pulled the constable off Mortinsen, and the freed Mortinsen "punched and kicked" the police constable in the head.

Magistrate Ostler told Mortinsen and Kreutzner that they could either give evidence or call witnesses immediately, or after the probation reports were obtained. The men declined to give evidence immediately.

HEBER SELLER

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Seen In Passing

Heber Seller, 1047 All Bay Rd., Sidney, resting after finishing a game at the Victoria Curling Club. (He's been curling for 40 years since he started in Regina. He's retired and lives with his wife Jo. His hobbies are curling and gardening) . . . **Charles McPhee** of Red Deer asleep on an office couch . . . **Donna Thibodeau** agreeing with the Hutterite system under which the women sit back and keep their mouths shut while the men are talking . . . **Harry Jakeman** preparing for several days on Saturna Island . . . **Earl Pallister** driving a rototiller . . . **Bill Davidson** enjoying the spring sunshine . . . **Gordon R. Shea** selling a black horse.

Young Driver Injured

Bashed-up truck in which a youth was injured yesterday at Pembroke and Vancouver is examined by Constable John Rickerby. The vehicle flipped over, slipped on its top for 40 feet and finally came to rest on its side on the boulevard. The youth was taken to Royal Jubilee Hospital with cuts and abrasions.—(Colonist photo)

One Man, 32 Women

Fitness Dandy But So Lonely

A lone, unidentified male, registered for a Langford fitness class, failed to appear after learning that his 32 classmates would all be women.

The program resulted from a Langford Recreation Commission canvass of the community to determine what form of recreation was most wanted.

Replies, mostly from women, were overwhelmingly in favor of a keep-fit class.

ONCE A WEEK

The class was started and today 32 women are enrolled in once-a-week calisthenic sessions under YWCA instructor Joan McKee.

As a result, waistlines are slimmer, the trainees are gaining in fitness and what was once a "weighty" problem is well on its way to a solution.

But the lone male applicant never showed up.

Death by Fall 'Accidental'

Coroner Dr. E. C. Hart ruled "accidental death" in the case of a 92-year-old Chinese patient, Fong Sam Toon, who died Friday night at Royal Jubilee Hospital.

He said the eldely Chinese, who had been a patient for some time at the Chinese Hospital, apparently died of injuries received when he fell in a hallway there Wednesday.

The patient was transferred to Jubilee after the fall.

Observatory Test

They'll Make Own 'Quake'

Scientists at the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory will set off a pint-sized man-made "earthquake" in the next few days.

An underwater charge containing about 25 pounds of high velocity explosive will be detonated in the vicinity of Albert Head.

Its purpose: to test new seismic equipment installed at the Saanich observatory.

The department of transport has issued a warning to all mariners to keep clear of the position 1,000 feet due south of Albert Head light which has been selected for placing the charge.

The test will be carried out between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, depending on weather conditions.

Seismologist W. G. Milne of the observatory staff said the up-coming test probably will be the last in a series. They are designed to test newly-installed seismic equipment.

Placed in about 100 feet of water, the explosive charge is designed not to break the water surface when it goes off.

"That way," said Mr. Milne, "it gets considerably more energy into the earth—and that's the way we want it."

If the same pattern is followed as in previous tests, a couple of scientists will lower the explosives from a rowboat.

Balloon Sale Up in Air

Victoria's centennial balloons may be sold to Portland for use in its celebrations this summer marking the 100th birthday of Oregon.

And they may not.

"There are no takers yet," tourist trade spokesman Sam Lane said last night on his return from Oregon with the Chamber of Commerce goodwill tour group.

"But centennial officials down in Portland are keenly interested, thanks to the salesmanship of Ald. Geoffrey Edgelow," he added.

Salmon

Fishboat Flotilla Heads Out

Greater Victoria residents this weekend are being treated to the annual spectacle of hundreds of tiny fishboats bucking the Strait of Juan de Fuca headed for the rich salmon trolling grounds on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

The fleet of one-man boats with larger trollers carrying a crew of two, often a man and his wife, are mostly from Vancouver and New Westminster. They are making the journey by easy stages to ports like Ucluelet, Tofino, Clayoquot and Bamfield, summer bases for trolling operations due to start with the season's opening, Friday.

For the first part of the season the fleet of about 500 salmon trollers will catch big springs, and when the numbers diminish, they will fish for coho until the season closes in October.

With prices starting at around 50 cents a pound, rewards from salmon trolling on the west coast can be large.

'Crumpeteers' By the Dozen

Members of Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce goodwill tour returned home last night having invested 12 civic leaders in centres they visited with the Loyal and Ancient Order of Crumpeteers.

Each initiate received a scroll guaranteeing safe passage through the "crumpet curtain" for a visit to Vancouver Island.

Busy Weekend

Johnson Span Open Tomorrow Morning

Johnson Street bridge is expected to be open for motor vehicle traffic early Monday morning.

City engineer James Garnett said last night the $10,000 repair job was being rushed over the weekend and "should be completed by late Sunday."

The bridge has been closed to vehicles since April 3 when one of two main girders was heavily damaged by the bow of the tug Salvage King under tow.

A new girder for the weakened bridge was swung into place yesterday.